UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN NORTHERN DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

CASE No. 2:24-CV-19

v.

HON. ROBERT J. JONKER

MARQUETTE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT and STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Defendants.

ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Court has reviewed Magistrate Judge Vermaat's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 27) and Plaintiff's Objection and Supplement to the Report and Recommendation (ECF Nos. 28 and 29). Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, where, as here, a party has objected to portions of a Report and Recommendation, "[t]he district judge . . . has a duty to reject the magistrate judge's recommendation unless, on de novo reconsideration, he or she finds it justified." 12 WRIGHT, MILLER, & MARCUS, FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE § 3070.2, at 381 (2d ed. 1997). Specifically, the Rules provide that:

The district judge must determine de novo any part of the magistrate judge's disposition that has been properly objected to. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended disposition; receive further evidence; or return the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

FED R. CIV. P. 72(b)(3). De novo review in these circumstances requires at least a review of the evidence before the Magistrate Judge. *Hill v. Duriron Co.*, 656 F.2d 1208, 1215 (6th Cir. 1981). The Court has reviewed de novo the claims and evidence presented to the Magistrate Judge; the

Report and Recommendation itself; and Plaintiff's objections. After its review, the Court finds

the Report and Recommendation is factually sound and legally correct.

The Magistrate Judge recommends granting the defense motions to dismiss (ECF Nos. 6

and 9) and dismissing this action. In the objections, Plaintiff primarily reiterates and expands

upon arguments presented in her original response briefs. Her objections fail to deal in a

meaningful way with the Magistrate Judge's analysis. The Magistrate Judge carefully and

thoroughly considered the record, the parties' arguments, and the governing law. The Magistrate

Judge properly analyzed Plaintiff's claims. Nothing in Plaintiff's Objections changes the

fundamental analysis.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that the Report and Recommendation of the

Magistrate Judge (ECF No. 27) is APPROVED AND ADOPTED as the opinion of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (ECF Nos. 6 and 9) are **GRANTED**; and

2. This case is **DISMISSED.**

A separate Judgment shall issue.

Dated: May 6, 2024 /s/ Robert J. Jonker

ROBERT J. JONKER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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